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Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada

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Presidential musings

It is always good for the President to bring a message of well-being and so I shall this time. After almost three years of faithful service to the Clan as our Secretary, Dr. Henry McCarl has decided to give up the position. I was looking back at some of Hank's achievements and find that he has processed more new members than both of his predecessors combined. With his trusty laptop computer, he has been able to present the minutes of the Annual General Meeting for approval at the end of the meeting so that they might be approved at that time.

Hank is a professor, a consultant, a scout — who received the Silver Beaver Award in recognition of

his service to Scouting, the Secretary of his college class and all-around hard working guy. We will miss him in the leadership of the Clan, but he will continue to convene Henderson Gatherings in Alabama. Many thanks for all your hard work, Hank, we are a better organization because of it.

In looking at your leadership, I find that Henry's level of involvement is very typical. While you don't have to be so involved to be a Clan Henderson volunteer and you don't have to become so involved because you do volunteer, I hope you have a better understanding of why the Regional Commissioners need your help in Gathering the Clan.

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FOR
MARIE CURIE
CANCER CARE



5,000 Pipers +1

In the April edition, we reported that Edinburgh would be hosting 5,000 pipers on the 20 August 1995. The object is to raise £100,000 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care and Nursing Service, the two Scottish Marie Curie Hospices, and over 5,000 Marie Curie Nurses.

One of our clan members, Piper David B. Henderson #09100 of Hicksville, New York, will be bringing his talents to this very special event.

His participation provides us the special basis to support this fund raising event. Hendersons wishing to support this worthy event should send their donation to Treasurer Christi Henson, 3 Eastbrook Court, Stafford, VA 22554.



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Meet Your Commissioner

Jefferson S. Henderson II Mid East Region

Jeff and his wife Nancy have been members of the Clan Henderson Society since 1989. They are native Texans, but their lives changed in 1962 when Jeff, who was working for the Internal Revenue Service in San Antonio, was given the opportunity to work in the National Office in Washington, D.C.

He decided to try it for a few years before returning to Texas, but when Jeff and Nancy settle in they do it right and are still living in the Virginia suburbs.

While Jeff has had the opportunity to retire several times, Nancy retired from the Fairfax Public Schools in 1994. She was a Home Economics teacher for 26 years. To celebrate their retirement, they first took the trip to Scotland which was detailed in the Winter 1995 edition. Then they packed up and moved to their condominium on South Padre Island, Texas for the months of January and February. It was with a sigh of relief that we welcomed Jeff back to his region and the round of 1995 Games and Festivals.

Jeff and Nancy met while attending the University of Texas in Austin. Jeff received a B.A. in Government and an M.A. in European History. He then joined the I.R.S., beginning his 30 year career as a revenue agent, but spending the majority of his service in Personnel, retiring in 1984 from the National Office as the Chief of the Employment Branch.

Recruited as a private soldier in 1949, he served through the ranks eventually retiring from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Brigadier General in 1988. Much of his service was with the 310th Theater Army Area Command and its predecessor organizations and it was here that I began my long association with Jeff. Although I

knew him in other assignments, he eventually became my boss in personnel and then again when he became the Chief of Staff. Eventually he became the Deputy Commanding General for Mobilization Affairs for the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center developing the plans which were used during the Gulf War. I reported to that organization shortly after he had retired to keep an Army Reserve (and a Henderson) eye on the personnel business, especially the execution of the mobilization planning.

Not content to be retired while Nancy continued teaching, Jeff became a district manager for Public Storage Management, Inc., managing 16 storage facilities in Northern Virginia and Maryland, retiring once again in 1994.



Jeff enjoys history — you have enjoyed several of his articles on Hendersons in History and he has one in this edition — and in leading historic tours in the Washington, D.C. area. Last fall, Jeff and Nancy's costumes were in line with this hobby, right down to the powdered wigs.

Both Jeff and Nancy are active in the United Methodist Church. Recently Jeff succeeded Nancy as Chair of the Alexan-

dria Council on Ministries where a major effort has gone into the Route 1 Corridor Ministry for the Homeless in Northern Virginia. Nancy is a trustee of Virginia Family Ministries.

Jeff and Nancy have two children. Their son Jeff III lives in Redlands, California, where he is a sales representative for Pfizer Laboratories, a member of the California Army National Guard, and is active in Clan Henderson activities. Daughter Alice is a center director for a school age child care center in Fairfax County, Virginia. She will soon begin work on her doctorate in Early Childhood Education.

Leadership in Mid East

Jeff Henderson -- Commissioner
Lee Henderson -- Deputy
Steve Henderson -- Convenor (MD)
Craig Henderson -- Convenor (MD)
Mark Henderson -- Convenor (VA)
Bill Henderson -- Convenor (VA) &
President of Scottish Heritage Fair
Robert Henderson -- Regional Piper and
Convenor (PA)
C. Douglas Henderson -- Convenor (MD)
Craig & Dorothy Doolittle -- Convenors
(VA)
Rev. Thomas Henderson -- Regional
Chaplain
Pat Maddox -- COSCA Representative
Janeil Henderson -- Story Teller &
Weaver
Kim Miles -- Highland Dancer
Joan Weiss -- Gaelic Singer with
MacTalla, Chair of ACGA Gaelic Mòd,
on Scottish Heritage Fair
Doris Henderson -- Singer, Secretary of
Scottish Heritage Fair

(Ed. Note: There are are vacancies for bodyguards, convenors and genealogists. The Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair has a number of opportunities as well.)



Ceò The Music of the Gaidheal

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

The Ligonier Highland Games

The Ligonier Highland Games on Saturday 9 September in the beautiful highlands of rural Pennsylvania will offer a unique opportunity to hear the Celtic language and music of the Scottish Highlands and Hebrides. The U. S. National Mòd — a Cultural festival and competition in Scottish Gaelic poetry and song — will be on the main stage from morning until mid afternoon.

Celtic harp solos by Sue Richards, three time U.S. National Scottish Harp champion, and work song demonstration by Mac-talla, the Washington-area Gaelic folk group, will also be featured.

The first Mòd in the USA was held in Alexandria, VA in 1988 by An Comunn Gaidhealach America (ACGA), the Gaelic Society of America, as part of its efforts to

foster Highland literature, music, art, and history.

This uniquely Scottish event was born in Oban more than a century ago, and was brought first to Canada, and then to the States. The Mòd is named after the courts where disputes over rent or among tenants were settled. However, the judges at Mòds consider the finer points of language and music rather than the law, and award prizes, not penalties!

To help our Mòd participants get started, Adjudicator Catriona Parsons has made a wonderful tutortape with four Gaelic songs. Mrs. Parsons is a native Gaelic speaker and noted Gaelic educator from the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

As Chair of the ACGA Mòd Committee, I especially wish to welcome my fellow Hendersons. The US National Mòd, like Scotland's, changes venue to reach more

people, although until 1994 it had been based in Alexandria, Virginia.

For several years the Mòd Committee and members of Clan Henderson combined their talents in developing the Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair — a valuable contribution to Scottish culture. The Fair has kept a "homey", comfortable quality while it provides a basic education in everything Scottish, from clothes and crafts, music and sports, to language and history.

I'm also happy to note that the 1994 winner of the Traditional Medal in women's solo singing at Scotland's Royal National Mòd at Dunoon is Margaret Henderson of Glasgow, originally from North Uist.

For more information about the Gaelic language and the U.S. National Mòd, please write to me at 4710 Essex Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Ted Sheldon Pewterer Extraordinaire

by Russ Henderson

We became interested in the art of the pewterer at Stone Mountain when we met Ted Sheldon at work. In fact, he was so interesting that several members recommended him for the task of producing the medals for the Chief's Order.

We took their advice and the medals were produced and now have been distributed to members of the Chief's Order. I asked Ted for some information for an article about our Pewterer Extraordinaire and he sent me his catalogues and a sample of a clan badge.

What is known about Ted is his love of pewter, his showmanship — dressing in period clothing while working his tent at the various events — his talent, and that his wife is a teacher who is an essential part of his show.

Ted's items are hand cast of fine, lead-free pewter in the tradition of the fine craftsmen of the 18th century. He tells us that the use of pewter goes back as far as the

Bronze Age. It was known to the Greeks, the Romans, the Chinese and after the Dark Ages, it was in use in Europe for over four centuries. Pewter hit its greatest popularity during the middle of the 18th century. At this time china began to replace pewter among the wealthy and pewter started into decline. The Industrial Revolution delivered the final death blow to handmade pewter.

Today an interest in pewter has been rekindled and a handful of pewterers have revived the craft using the traditional methods of casting, spinning and hammering.

Pewter alloys have varied over the years with the type and purpose of the article determining which alloy produced it. All the alloys used tin as the main ingredient, but would have varying amounts of copper, antimony or lead.

The pewter Ted uses is an alloy of tin, antimony and copper which is known as Britannia, a superfine pewter introduced about 1750 to compete with china. This fine pewter will polish almost like silver. Many of his other items are buffed to a satin finish while others are blackened with "pewter black" and then buffed to show the highlights. Usually a light buffing with a



Ted L. Sheldon

PEWTERER

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soft cloth will restore any luster lost during handling.

Take the time to visit Ted's tent at events in the Southeast and be sure to look at the work on the Chief's Order medals when you see one.

Our thanks to Ted Sheldon for his support of Clan Henderson.

Clan Mail

Letters to the Editor

Huntington Beach, CA 92647
10 March 1995

Dear Russ,

Well, I must say that information in the Winter 1995 issue more than provided me with membership benefits of belonging to Clan Henderson! You ran a news clipping sent in from a member in Nova Scotia about the Hendersons of Westville, Nova Scotia.

The clipping reported an historical account of William Henderson and his wife, Mary Gordon. As I read the account, you can imagine my surprise when I realized that my father, William Gordon Henderson (1876-1945) must have been a son of William and Mary. I am the only child of William and Gladys (Page) Henderson, the second marriage for my father. I was born very late in his life and, shortly after his death in 1945, my mother left Westville and moved to Hamilton, Ontario and later to the United States.

I have had very infrequent contact with the Henderson side of my family. Since I have long wondered about my historical heritage, I was extremely excited to have this piece of information.

My husband and three children shared in the excitement and we all wish to express our thanks for choosing to print this particular clipping.

With warm regards,

Ruth G. (Henderson) Mullins

Sierra Vista, AZ
7 April 1995

Dear Russ,

My Whooping Crane Conservation Association Newsletter arrived recently and I noticed a reference to the Lynch Botanical Gardens and Bird Sanctuary located near the Henderson exit on I-10 in Louisiana.

It occurred to me that there are Henderson post offices in several states (I once sent Happy Birthday post cards to Mother from each of them as a surprise).

For whom are these Henderson towns or counties named? That would make an interesting question for An Canach. I'm sure that the state histories done by the

WPA some 50 years ago might have the information on why these localities were so named.

Also the history might connect with the records of our Clan Genealogists. Just a list of the names across the United States and Canada would be interesting.

Quickly,

Katie Crooks

Elk Grove Village, IL
12 April 1995

Dear Russ,

My Jean and I were recently at Las Vegas and, on a trip to Hoover Dam, passed through Henderson, Nevada. It got me to thinking, there are dozens little towns called Henderson and each must have a little Henderson history, so a series of articles could be written about them.

Maybe you could find someone to tackle it.

Yours aye,

Ned

Fort William, Scotland
On the Internet
May 1995

Hamburger giant McDonald's may open its first Gaelic outlet after councillors of this town in the Scottish Highlands approved a branch.

Local language rules will apply. Thus, potential visitors may find the following phrases useful: *Mac Mor* (Big Mac), *slisneagan* (fries), *burger caise* (cheeseburger), *cairteal punnid* (quarter-pounder), and, of course, *Coca-Cola* (Coca-Cola).

mmth@falcon.cc.ukans.edu
Wed, Apr 19, 1995

Dear Russ,

I was very pleased to see my grandfather—the same one mentioned in my letter about the Henderson Garden — mentioned in your story about armigerous Hendersons.

My father, his younger son, got himself matriculated in 1947 with what was called a Suitable Difference, namely a "bordure of the first" (Or). I still have the Extract of Matriculation issued by the Lord Lyon on 5/23/47. The rest of it says (after all the genealogy) "Above the shield is placed an helmet befitting his degree with a Mant-

ling Gules doubled Or, and on a Wreath of his Liveries is set for Crest a cubit arm proper holding a crescent Argent, & in an Escrol over the same this Motto: 'SOLA NOBILITAS VIRTUTE.'" It's signed by H.A.B. Lawson, Lyon Clerk.

Michael M T Henderson

Ed. Note: I am hoping as that copy of An Canach wanders from hand to hand around the world that we will find others whose ancestors were granted the identified Arms.

Manassas, VA
28 April 1995

Dear Russ,

In your response to Anna Parham in the Winter edition, you gave me credit for naming An Canach. Given the heights our newsletter has reached, I am honored for the credit, but I must confess that Clan Piper Kyle Henderson was the person who came up with the name.

Claude

Ed. Note: Of course, all I had to do was to look up the minutes for the 9 July 1988 meeting at Grandfather Mountain and there it was, "Mention was given by Toby (Parrish) to Kyle's idea of using the Henderson (plant) badge, An Canach, as the title for our germinating newsletter."

Thanks for the idea Kyle, mea culpa.

Granville Ferry, NS
B0S 1K0 Canada

Dear Cousin Russ,

I am pleased to announce that the genealogy of Emery and Olive (Boles) Henderson of Greenwich Hill, Kings County, New Brunswick, Canada is complete and for sale. Emery is the son of William Thomas and Susan Amelia (Whelpley) and grandson of George and Margaret (Kimball) Henderson all of Holderville, Kings County, New Brunswick,

I am also working on completing Emery's syblings and parents genealogies. There were several who moved stateside between 1870 and 1900. Please contact me if you are aware of any connections.

Vernon Henderson, a brother, married Evelyn Western — he died in New York City 25 January 1958. Alice Henderson, a sister, married Ambrose Guy — she died in New York 11 July 1970.

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George and Margaret Henderson had eleven children. When she died he married Catherine Giggey, the widow of a Mr. Cathline of Long Reach, Kings County, New Brunswick and they had nine children — George died in 1899.

Dr. Loftin has been unable to connect me with any of these ancestors. I hope that it is because someone has not gotten around to sending in their pedigree.

Keep up the good work on the newsletter. I read it cover to cover but notice a dearth of Canadian information. I guess our Canadian cousins are timid like me.

Yours in the Clan,

Mrs. Donna Lee (Henderson) Butler

Ed. Note: Genealogy is a passion, it is interesting and frustrating. Donna Lee's letter was edited for length and a portion included in Roots & Twigs. It is included in Clan Mail for several reasons.

We have had a policy not to publish Missing Hendersons requests because of our limited space and the availability of The Family Tree, the excellent newspaper published by Editor Beth Gay at the Odom

Library. It comes free to US members and for the cost of mailing to Canadian members. They cover a much larger population of potential helpers. (See page 11.)

Thank you for your comment on An Canach. Canada, as well as other regions, can read only what is sent to the editor. Your point is well taken because everyone is doing something which would reasonably fit into An Canach and there are photographs just begging for publication.

1604 29th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Dear Mr. Henderson,

I was born at the Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City on 11 October 1963. I was put up for adoption at the Spence-Chapin Agency in New York. I have been searching for my real family for twenty years and recently discovered that my birth name was Malinda Henderson. If you want more information or can help me, please call collect at: (813) 746-8996.

Very Sincerely, *Tiffany Craft*

Ed. Note: Tiffany's letters were edited for space. She knows about her mother and father, but not their names. She will send you the information.

Pinole, CA 94564
19 January 1995

Dear Dr. McCarl,

Enclosed is my Check to renew my membership for 1995.

I want to compliment you and all others who have worked so hard to produce An Canach. I enjoy reading it and look forward to receiving each copy. My husband and I were able to travel to Scotland for a month this past summer. We spent a night in Glencoe, and in a historical museum I found some copies of An Canach.

My husband belongs to the Gunn Clan, and we joined an international gathering of the Gunn Clan for a week in Wick, Scotland. We were welcomed enthusiastically by the Scottish people, and we had a most enjoyable vacation.

Doris J. Green

Membership Renewal Cards are in the Mail

by Christi Heston, Clan Treasurer

It is difficult with our busy schedules always to remember to pay our Clan Henderson dues, so we have improved our method of letting you know that they are due once again.

Some members attend the same Games each year and renew their membership at that time, but most members respond to an annual reminder. You will find a card in your mail as your renewal month arrives. You may receive either a yellow (for Canadian members) or a green (US version) card that will remind you it is time again.

If you look at the front of the card when you receive it, you will notice a five digit number and a date above your name. The five digit number is your membership number, which we would appreciate if you would put on any check or correspondence you send to us. The date is when your dues need to be paid. Both items are important for the processing of our computerized record keeping.

Some of you have already received the cards and have noticed a bit of a problem with the membership date. We sent out

cards that went back to 1994 in hopes that some of our inactive members might choose to become active again. We want very much to keep everyone informed of happenings in Clan Henderson, but we must remain financially sound.

Some cards were sent to members whose renewals had in fact been received, but the computer update had not been made at the time the labels had been printed and the cards mailed. We will make every effort not to let this happen again and apologize to those of you who were inconvenienced. The work of your Clan is all done by volunteers and we must use the computer to help us — that is one reason we ask for you to use your member number.

Now, about the card and what to do with it. First, please look at the front and copy the member number on your check. Please verify your name and address on the label — you may make the changes on the card, because you will be mailing it in with your check. On the back, enter the amount of any donations you wish to make. Your donations are very important to cover the computer

and mailing costs of **Genealogy**, the **Chief's Fund** which operates the awards and scholarships program, and **General** and other **Specific Donations** which help with administrative costs. In addition, your donations help keep the dues at their current level.

Too often members become just entries in a Treasurer's records, but you are not. You are a valuable member of Clan Henderson and I like to think I learn something about you when your check crosses my desk.

We hope that you will take advantage of the many festivals or, at least, attend a local Clan Henderson gathering this year. What? You haven't heard of one? Well, please look on page 23 and find the telephone number of your regional commissioner and ask if you might hold a small picnic at your home or local park for Hendersons who live near you.

Please remit your dues as soon as possible so there will be no interruption in your membership benefits.

Christi



Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot

Dear Cousins:

Almost a year ago, there was a "query" in the Odom Genealogical Library's marvelous newspaper, "Family Tree," that set bells ringing in my head. It wasn't about Henderson, but mighty close to it. The query concerned people from my part of the world, Onslow County NC, where my (and Chief-tain Claude's) ancestors settled. The family names given in the query were names I'd seen over and over in documents during my ancestor hunt. Some of the names had intermarried with Onslow Hendersons. Heck, the names are still common there!

So I shot off a letter to the lady who submitted the query, telling her what I knew and where to look to find more. I suggested that she'd probably discover she qualified for Clan Henderson!

I AM STILL WAITING TO HEAR "THANK YOU" from the lady who asked for help in that query and who got it.

Such an occurrence is not new, and I brush it off as part of a day's genealogical work and (from experience) to be expected. This kind of unthinking discourtesy seems to be all too common in genealogy. I have a little group of Clansmen who are outstanding genealogists and who help me find your missing Hendersons. Without exception, they all have recounted tales similar to mine - a query answered, involving hours of research and the trouble and expense of duplicating and mailing. Much, much too often, they never hear back from their "correspondent," no "thank you" comes in the mail, no reciprocal exchange of data, not even a few pennies for postage.

Of course, you and I know such folks can't be Hendersons; consideration, politeness and courtesy are too deeply embedded among the Henderson genes. Nevertheless, it may be a good idea to review some standards of etiquette — i.e., common courtesy -- expected of people doing genealogical work.

First, it is perfectly proper to ask for assistance from your co-searchers for ancestors. Queries in publications, letters and phone calls to possible sources, all are basic to genealogical research. And only a clod would fail to respond to a courteous request for information if one has it.

But making a request carries responsibilities with it. You may be asking someone to share data that he has spent months or years and hundreds of dollars to gather. Be prepared to share something back in return. The least you can do is offer to provide him with any relevant data you have which might be of interest to him. And once you have promised to share data, be absolutely certain that you carry out your side of the bargain, and promptly.

No one should be out of pocket because he responds to your call for genealogical help. Even an initial inquiry "fishing" for a contact should always include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If your correspondent does have data that you need and is willing to share it with you, then by all means offer to recompense him for all the duplicating, telephone and mailing expenses involved.

Finally, and most important, don't neglect to say "thanks!" If you do this, maybe you can get by without the rest. But if you neglect to say "thank you," all the other things you do can turn to ashes. Even if a letter comes back saying "sorry, I can't help you," that person is due at least a post card saying "thanks anyway!" If you are lucky and you find someone who shares his genealogical data with you, that person is someone special to you and deserves all the thanks and praise you can pile on in a letter, phone call — or maybe even a box of homemade cookies! What's very often appreciated is a word of explanation or maybe even a printout showing how his data solved your problem.

All this can be summed up very easily: if you responded to a query, how would you expect to be treated by the one you took all that trouble for?

All the above gives me little twinges of conscience. Who among all you good cousins who have sent me your family data have I treated less warmly, promptly and courteously than I should have? Forgive me! Give me your name and I'll send my delayed thanks and maybe a box of (store-boughten) cookies.

The ones to whom I know I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude are those of you who have contributed so generously to Clan Henderson in support of our genealogical program. As most of you are aware, your annual dues barely covers the cost of getting An Canach to you four times a year. Our basic genealogical costs for postage, duplicating and supplies comes to about \$400 a year, maybe a bit more now with the rise in postage. Your help has allowed us to carry out the Clan's genealogical services in the way you have come to expect. So, "thank you, cousins!"

In the Clan Mail, there is a letter from Donna Lee (Henderson) Butler asking for help in locating Henderson ancestors. We have a policy against using An Canach for this purpose. In this case, an exception is made so that we can make the point that we do not do it. While An Canach is reaching a large number of Hendersons, it has nowhere near the drawing power (close to 50,000 distribution) of "The Family Tree", a publication designed to help you find Missing MacPersons.

Please address all similar letters to them.

While I am on the subject of Donna Lee (Henderson) Butler, we are pleased to announce that she will be helping me with genealogy in Canada. She expects some start up time while she learns the computer program, but is willing and will get the work done.





John Ashley Arnette was born 27 January 1995, great grandson Anna (#09530) and John (#09531) M. Parham, grandson of John and Stephanie Parham, son of Coney and Christian Arnette.

Whitney Elise Standing was born 13 February 1995 in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, daughter of Paul (#07110) and Kiminette (#07111) Standing.

Tony (#06950) and Gwen (#06951) Martin of Jonesboro, Georgia announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Richard Tyler Sprayberry, born 6 January 1995. Tyler is the first child of their daughter Krista and son-in-law Richard. Tyler came into this world 8 weeks ahead of schedule weighing just 3 lbs. 11 oz.

William Jennings Henderson Jr. arrived on 28 May 1995, his father's birthday. Weighing in at 7 lbs 1/2 oz, he is 19 3/4" long, and looks forward to joining mother Beth and sisters Jenna and Averi at the Games.



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mrs. Marguerite Lamar, mother of Law-son Lamar (#11280) died on 9 April 1995.

Stuart M. Henderson (#01520) of Bedford, Ohio passed away 5 February 1995, five days prior to the planned celebration of his 60th wedding anniversary. An early member of the Clan, he had a lifelong record of public service to his work, his community, and his church. The fellowship hall in his church had recently been named Henderson Hall to honor Stuart and Jean's commitment to their church.

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn of Fordell died on 18 February 1995. He is survived by Lady Suzanne Fairbairn of Fordell Castle.

Book of Contributions

Donations were made to the Clan for Operations, Genealogy, and the Chief's Fund by these individuals.

Sara Henderson	Inez Martin	Carol S. Henderson
Mary Jan Jaqua	Ralph N. Henderson	Albert L. Partee III
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George A. Henderson	John W. Henderson	Olive Wilkison
Lee Henderson	Philip J. Henderson	Thomas L. Beckner
John Powers	Lawrence B. Shaffer Jr.	Roserm Arnold
	James A. Henderson	

Try Bed & Breakfast

In planning your family trip to Scotland, I am sure that you have read with interest the various articles we have run, and the announcements of tours we have carried.

While we plan to run a Clan tour again one day, many of you will decide to go on the bed and breakfast circuit like Jeff and Nancy Henderson (see Winter 1995 edition) did in conjunction with their United Airlines tour. For that reason, we have decided to include a list of those B&B's recommended by them.

Park House 13 Victoria Park Garden South Glasgow The Hallams 041-339-1559	The Anchorage 9 Eahost West, Struan (Isle of Skye) Moira Campbell 047-072-206
Linnmhor Guest House Park Road, Strathpeffer (near Inverness) Kay Maclean 099-742-1528	Orch Bank Guest House Dalmally, Argyll (near Inverary) The Burkes 083-820-0370
Paties Hill Farm Carlops, Penicuik (near Edinburgh) Mrs. Janet Burke 096-860-551	Kirkside Bothy Cyrus, Kincardine and Deeside Alison Williamson 067-483-0780

Jeff reminds us that these are very nice B&B's and that driving yourself was a wonderful way to see Scotland and to meet the people.

His tour operator was:
Discover Britain
2-4 Trinity Street
Worcester WR1 2PW
UK

Hendersons in History

Thomas Henderson, Distinguished Minister and Educator

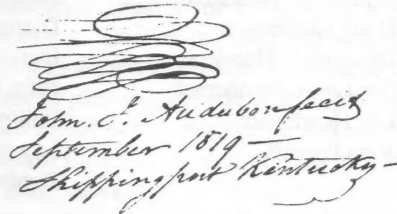
by Jeff Henderson II

In my article in the October 1994 An Canach, I told about Thomas Henderson's wife, Nancy Terril and her relationship to the Washington family. Now I want to tell you about ggg grandfather Thomas. He was born 15 June 1781 in Henry County, Virginia. Not much is known of his early life or education, but he must have been well educated because of his accomplishments.

Thomas was ordained as a minister in the Baptist Church in 1808. He was granted a license in Albemarle County, Virginia to perform marriages. Sometime between 1808 and 1810 he moved to Kentucky. In September 1810, he obtained a license in Burlington, Kentucky to perform marriages. He left Boone County in 1812 to become the fifth minister at the Baptist Church at Great Crossings (So named because it was the place buffalo crossed the Elkhorn River). Reverend Thomas also preached at the Baptist church at Stamping Ground. (The town had this name because the buffalo would stop to drink water at a large spring. The animals stamped their feet to keep the flies away, and, because of this, no grass would grow in the vicinity of the spring.)

Being a man of many talents, Rev. Thomas wrote a school geography book which was published in Lexington,

Kentucky in 1813. He did surveying in St. Louis Township, Missouri in 1819. He also surveyed a part of Cincinnati, Ohio. John J. Audubon painted a charcoal portrait of Reverend Thomas in September 1819 at Shippingport, Kentucky which has this signature on the portrait.



Thomas' most outstanding accomplishment was the organization and direction of a vocational school for the Choctaw Indians. While the Lowell Institute in Massachusetts, founded in 1836, is considered the first vocational school, the vocational courses taught at the Academy from 1825 to 1846 were certainly unique and provided the Indian students the skills they needed to earn a living. The influence of the academy on the Indian lives is almost beyond estimate.

Reverend Thomas was selected for this position in 1825 by Col. Richard M. Johnson, who was vice president of the US under President Martin Van Buren from 1837 to 1841. At the time of the appointment, Col. Johnson was a US Senator. Col. Johnson is the man who is reputed to have killed the Shawnee Indian chief, Tecumseh. Senator Johnson said of Thomas Henderson at the time of his selection to be the Superintendent of Choctaw Academy:

"I have engaged a man of uncommon merit, a scientific character with globes, a preacher of the Gospel, eminent for his literary talents and his amiable disposition, a man of business, industrious, dignified and conciliatory in his manners."

This school was the only institution under the supervision of the War Department except the US Military Academy at West Point. Senator Johnson had it first located behind his home, "Blue Spring." The school outgrew the original quarters and in 1831 it relocated to White Sulfur Spring, seven miles from Georgetown on the Frankfort to Georgetown highway.

The school prospered for a number of years. However, early in December 1838, Thomas moved his family to his farm in Grant County, and wanted to give up the school and go with them. This decision put Senator Johnson in a panic and the two of them compromised when Thomas Henderson agreed to spend half of his time at the Academy. His health had begun to fail through the great strain under which he had worked. Finally, in 1841, he left the Academy and joined his family. The school had already begun to dwindle, and closed altogether soon after he left.

After joining his family, ggg grandfather Thomas looked after his farm and taught school. He also organized a Baptist Church which held meetings on alternate Sundays. Against the advice of his doctor, he preached sermons on holy days. He died at his home near Crittenden, Kentucky on 26 April 1846 at the age of 64 and is buried in the family cemetery.

The Last Kilt in the Civil War

by Peter Hayes
hayes@sky.com

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"It is true that all the officers and many of the men did wear kilts when we left the city (NYC) in June 1861, and on dress-parade occasions in Washington, but when we went to Virginia it was laid aside, together with the plaid trousers worn by all men on ordinary occasions, and we donned the ordinary blue. The Captain was the only

one who insisted on wearing the kilts on the march to Bull Run, but the day before we reached Centreville the kilts were the cause of his drawing upon himself much ridicule, and when we started for the battlefield on the Sunday morning he, also, appeared in ordinary blue uniform."

And more on the last kilt wearer, from First Battle of Manassas, An End to Innocence by John Hennessy, Copyright 1989, H. E. Howard Inc.

"The Captain spied a hog. He broke from the ranks, his kilt flying up with each stride and gave hearty chase. His men, who had

long ago given up their kilts in the name of practicality, cheered him lustily. 'Go it piggy' 'Catch him Captain!' 'Put on your drawers' the men razzed. 'The climax was reached,' wrote one spectator, 'when the porker, hard pressed, passed through a snake fence.' As the pig squeezed under the Captain threw himself over the top 'and in his haste made such an exhibition of his attenuated anatomy as to call forth a roar of laughter from all who witnessed it.' The pig escaped the captain, he mellowed considerably and appeared the next morning in regulation uniform."

The Bodyguard Has Been Formed and We Need You!

by Tony Martin
Bodyguard Leader
Southeastern Region

I would like to bring you up to date with the Bodyguard in Clan Henderson.

You have seen us in our sashes and armed with a broadsword during tartan parades and our Clan walkabouts. We help the Convenor to organize parades and ceremonies and provide honors for our distinguished visitors — an important task is making sure that we have at least one piper to lead the way.

I am concerned that I may have called your attention to some activity at a Games which you may not be aware of, and that is because your event didn't have a bodyguard. Some Convenors do not have a Bodyguard

to assist them even though their help is an important part of Gathering the Clan. At the Games in Fredericksburg, one of our officers was asked if we were the honored clan referring to our just completed Walkabout — isn't that great?

In the April and July 1993 issues of An Canach, Head of the Bodyguard Rex Maddox addressed the historic basis for forming an organization within Clan Henderson to provide for honors and ceremonies when the Clan comes together. The concept for a Bodyguard comes from the time when the MacEanruigs served as the bodyguards to the MacIain, the MacDonald chieftain of Glencoe.

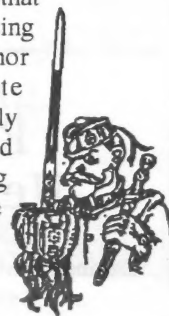
While some procedures are still being developed, eventually the bodyguard will be able to help you at a christening, a wedding, a funeral, as well as parades and ceremonies; however, writing procedures won't help if there is no one serving in this important job where you are. It is an honorable position worthy of your time and energy. Your duties require your

presence at Gatherings and that you be "under arms" carrying a broadsword or claidhmor and be in appropriate Highland attire, preferably being in Ancient or Muted Henderson tartan. Having a Henderson kilt is not the problem it once was; why in Chieftain Claude's scrapbook there are pictures of him not in tartan at a Games not so long ago, and now there is a run on Henderson tartan material.

I have enjoyed my position as Leader of the Bodyguard for Georgia since its formation. That position is vacant since I have been promoted to Regional Leader. We need you to step forward, to increase the ranks both here in Georgia and elsewhere across the Clan.

Please call me at (404) 474-3525 or Rex Maddox at (703) 765-8819.

Remember our cry,
"Rally the Bodyguard, Aye!"



Musings from front page.

I am happy to announce that Harry Keifer will be assuming the duties of Secretary. Harry has been the Florida Convenor for the last several years taking on new games and responsibilities each year.

A challenge to each of you. Believe it or not two of our members suggested by letter during the same week that we do this research.

If you live in or near, pass through, have a friend or family who lives in or near, one of the many geographic sites called Henderson (or any variation of the family name), please attempt to learn the history of the town, burg, county, etc. Consider Fort McHenry, Hendersonville, MacKendrick County as examples, and let us learn about the reasons for these places being named for a member of the Clan.

Please provide your findings to the Editor, An Canach, 8500 Wendell Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-2158

We recently attended the 1st Fredericksburg Games. It was fun returning to the town which we had lived in for a decade and to gather the Clan there. I had

been well aware of several recurring family names in the area, but had never picked up on Henderson being one of them until Mark Henderson joined the Clan with the announcement that there were probably 150 others in the area. He has a commission to gather them.

I also had a wonderful visit with Rosemary Henderson Herman, a delightful lady who was a professor at Mary Washington College. She has some interesting stories for us to look forward to in future editions.

By the time you read this article, more members of the Clan will have been recognized for their outstanding service to the Clan in 1994. We had many good nominees and the committee had a tough time making the selections, but they have done a good job and we will be making the general announcement in the next edition.

I congratulate each winner, encourage each Commissioner to recognize locally the efforts of those nominees who were not selected and continue to recommend them or others for 1995. We are the quality organization that we are because of the efforts of our many active members.

Russ

Scotland and England in Geographic Perspective

by Jeff Henderson II

While traveling in Scotland last year, we stayed in a Bed and Breakfast at Dalmally. While there, we met a group of Brits on their way to the Isle of Mull to bird watch. They were a very interesting group with which we shared dinner, breakfast and a two hours after dinner on many topics.

Their spokesman was a well educated man in his forties named John. He told me that he had not met many Americans before, and had never had any real desire to visit our country until he met us. John remembered from his school days how much larger the United States is compared with England and Scotland.

Because of the discussion, I did some checking. Scotland has an area of 30,400 square miles, which makes it the same size as the state of Maine. The population is 5,136,500 which equates to the number of Virginians.

England has 50,320 square miles making it about the size of Arkansas. The population equates to a combination of Texas, California and Louisiana for a total of 47,254,500.

These facts certainly helped me appreciate the vast differences in our geography.

The Henderson Bard

Neil Henderson



Robert Henryson

During the Medieval Renaissance of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries Scotland was in the vanguard, and lending her a helping hand was a gentle school teacher named Robert Henryson, sometimes called Henderson.

At that time, when Europe was emerging from the shadows of slavery and ignorance into the bright light of freedom and knowledge - for without freedom there can be no progress - Scots had been free and independent for almost a hundred years.

With an enlightened, but often contentious, monarchy and nobility to lead, institutions of higher learning were springing up all around the land. Although Scotland had had seats of learning since the eleventh century, they had been built either for the Church or by it, mainly for religious reasons, not secular. Starting in the reign of James I (1406-37), this began to change.

St. Andrews University began teaching in 1411. With James II, Glasgow University opened its doors in 1450. With James IV, things began to hum; Aberdeen University was founded in 1494 and was the first with a seat of medicine. To bring education to the people, a Compulsory Education Act was passed in 1496. Though this act did not encompass the entire population, it was a start. It took the Church of Scotland, later, to make compulsory education universal. In 1505 a college of surgeons was established in Edinburgh and three years later a charter was granted to establish Scotland's first printing press in the same city.

In all fields of endeavor, Scotland was making great strides, not least in literature. Works were flowing from the pens of scholars in Latin, Gaelic and Middle Scots. Latin, of course, was confined to the Church and scholars. Gaelic was confined to the Highlands and Islands. Therefore, works in Middle Scots, the spoken language of the majority of Scots, were the most popular.

Among the great Middle Scots Makars (poets) of this period were such notables as King James I of Scotland, William Dunbar, once a Franciscan friar, Gavin Douglas, bishop of Dunkeld, and Sir David Lindsay, courtier of James IV and diplomat. But the first and greatest Makar of them all was Robert Henryson, schoolmaster of Dunfermline, our kinsman, who managed to live from the time of James I into the reign of James IV.

For too long, pride of place among the Makars went to William Dunbar. His work, full of imagination and technical innovation, glitters, but it is self-centered and lacks warmth and humanity. For all his brilliance, Dunbar did not stretch himself to his full capability. On the other hand, Henryson's work, today acclaimed as the greater, shows a man of humanity, understanding and kindness, blessed with a sense of humor. One has only to read from a few of his works, such as "Testament of Cresseid", "Robene and Makyne" or "Morall Fabillis of Esope", to be instantly aware of these qualities. Hugh Macdiarmid (1892-1978) Scotland's great modern poet, had this to say about Henryson, "If for various reasons he has commended himself less quickly to contemporary Scottish poets and others, the headway gained by Dunbar seems to be rapidly reduced in the past year or two. There is now a consensus of judgment that regards Henryson as the greatest of our great makars. Macdiarmid went on to say, "...in the critical atmosphere prevailing today, it is clear that Henryson is the greatest." We won't quarrel with him.

The first and greatest Makar of them all was Robert Henryson

Robert Henryson has been called a "Scottish Chaucer". But, indeed, all the Makars could be said to have been influenced by that giant of English letters, Geoffrey Chaucer (circa. 1340-1400), since they were all scholars and must have been

exposed to his writings and style. Maurice Lindsay, noted Scots writer and poet says, "Although the influence of Chaucer on all of them is obvious, it is their personal individuality that gives their work distinction. Henryson's fables translate a Chaucerian conversion into an unmistakably Scots setting, while in Robene and Makyne the pastoral note is quite new." So much for the "Scottish Chaucer" bilge.

For all the accolades now given to his work, little is known of Robert Henryson himself, even the dates of his birth and death are conjecture. Some authorities guess he was born around 1420 and died around 1490, others guess he was born a little later, in 1429 and lived until 1509. Though all are agreed that he lived a long life -- well into his seventies.

There is a story told by a contemporary of his, Sir Francis Kinaston, who was known to exaggerate upon occasion, which illustrates the humor and fortitude of our great kinsman. Sir Francis wrote, "For this Mr. Robert Henderson he was questionless a learned and witty man, and it is pity we have no more of his works being very old he died of a diarrhea or flux, of whom there goes this merry, though somewhat unsavory tale, that all his physicians having given him over and he lying drawing his last breath there came an old woman unto him who was held a witch and asked him whether he would be cured. To whom he said, 'Very willingly.' Then quoth she, 'There is a whikey tree in the lower end of your orchard and if you will go and walk but thrice around it and thrice repeat these words, 'whikey tree, whikey tree take away this flux from me,' you shall be presently cured. He told her that beside he was extreme faint and weak and it was extreme frost and snow and that it was impossible for him to go. She told him that unless he did so it was impossible he should recover. Mr. Henderson then lifting up himself and pointing to an oaken table that was in the room, asked her and said, 'Gude dame, I pray ye tell me, if it would not do as well if I repeated thrice these words, 'Oken burd, oken burd, gar me shit a hard turd.' The woman seeing herself derided and scorned ran out of the house in a great passion and

Mr. Henderson within half a quarter of an hour departed this life." A true Henderson. Feisty to the end!

Robert Henryson lived and died in the royal town of Dunfermline which is in the south of Fife and hardly a stone's throw from the Henderson ancestral home, Fordell, to the east. Dunfermline was a bustling little town then, and still is. (Try to get a parking spot on a summer's day!) It is the site of Dunfermline Abbey, built in the eleventh century by the good Queen, St. Margaret, wherein lies her body and also the remains of the architect of Scotland's independence, King Robert the Bruce, less his heart. That's buried in Melrose Abbey.

Dunfermline is also the home (where else?) of The Robert Henryson Society which is dedicated to the study and promotion of his work through workshops, schools and universities, and the distribution of texts and cassettes. Founded in 1993, the Society already has a growing, world-wide and enthusiastic membership.

Robert Henryson was a teacher and an excellent one. Though of a retiring nature, he was well-liked by his pupils in the Grammar School in Dunfermline Abbey where he rose to the position of Chief Schoolmaster. To attain such a position, he must have been a man of considerable education and it is believed, that, from the fact that his contemporaries addressed him as "Maister", he was a Master of Arts. From a study of his works, it is deduced that he was also a Bachelor in Canon Laws, and to have been a Notary Public to boot! There is some speculation that he may have studied at Glasgow University, or at one in Europe. Regardless of where he studied, it is transparent he was a brilliant and well-educated man. His head was on straight, his heart was in the right place and he'd risen to the top of his profession.

Of Robert Henryson, Maurice Lindsay says, "He infuses his poetry with his own warm and kindly personality. This schoolmaster of Dunfermline must have been a good person to know. " A fitting epitaph of this great and worthy kinsman.

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Games, Festivals, and Gatherings

Far South Region

Sixth Annual Glen of Roses Celtic Festival

by B.B. "Bill" Shuffler



Bill Shuffler, the "One-Man Clan" at Glen Rose, Texas

Clan Henderson participated for the first time in this rather young festival at the Somerville County Exposition Center at Glen Rose, Texas. The Highland Games, entertainment, Celtic and Scottish dancing, and clan tents as well as Celtic vendors enjoyed the indoor location protected from an unseasonably cold, windy day.

The Hamilton Pipe Band from Houston, Texas, provided excellent traditional Scottish pipe band music. Some fifteen clan organizations participated and were led in a Parade of the Clans around the grounds of the Exposition Center by the Hamilton Pipe Band.

Clan Lindsay had a large contingent, some 35 members, attending their national meeting.

Other events of the Festival were a three-person scramble at the Squaw Valley golf course—a jewel of 18 holes with traditional and Scottish greens; and a Ceilidh on Saturday night.

The Festival will be held next year on 13 April 1996 and will feature in Concert Pipe Major Robert Mathieson from Glasgow, Scotland, who is the 1995 World Champion Solo Piper.

Ozark Games

by Deanna Weymuth

Before the monsoon began we all went around the area. The only two signs of Hendersons we saw were on Sharon Weymuth and Sarah Heath from Conway, AR.

Sarah was in Kansas City last year. She dances in the Muted Henderson plaid while Sharon wears Ancient Henderson.

Sharon got a third in Sword and Sarah 2nd -Fling, 1st-swords, 1st-shaun truibhs, and 1st-Flora. She won the class trophy.

We will not have any pictures as we did not have flash, and only daylight film. Sarah's mother got some and said she would send. Mrs Heath said they had joined Clan Henderson.

Grandfather Mountain 6-9 July 1995

We are looking forward to seeing you in Linville, North Carolina for these Games and Henderson Gathering.

This year we have taken two tents to improve meeting with our many cousins who gather there.

I haven't participated in Scottish things in about 3 1/2 years and there have been some changes in personnel among some of the clans and some new clans represented. I made some new contacts and caught up on news from those old friends. Some of the vendors were even new to me. It was interesting to see how folks have evolved and changed in volunteer positions, some new beards growing, some shaven, families getting larger and some smaller.

I had a grand view where they placed our table. Along with Clan Henderson, I also represented Clan Gunn, which is what I had done normally in Oregon in the past. Therefore our table had clan shields, crests, tartans and booklets on either side with a large vase of flowers dividing at center. It looked quite as good as everyone else's! In addition the festival had flower arrangements around the room. One with lots of heather was next to our table so I incorporated it into our display! Since this was an indoor event it was wonderful not to deal with windy tents, soggy ground or stifling heat! Packing in and packing out was as easy as 1, 2, 3! No tent pegs to hammer and pull up and count and so forth! This was the easiest event I have ever been to! I just put two boxes on my roller cart and rolled in and out! There wasn't even gravel to walk on - it was all paved outside!

We had one Henderson visitor which is normal for such a small event here. Donna Henderson Harrison has done some geneological research but said she is stuck at Blount County, Tennessee and Davis County, Iowa.

North Pacific Region

Mid-Willamette Scottish Festival

by Janice Henderson

It was my pleasure to represent Clan Henderson at the Mid-Willamette Scottish Festival on 25 March. The festival was pleasantly small and enjoyable and there was something going all the time. It was good entertainment and there were a number of clans represented. Some old friends among them!

Southeastern Region

The McIlroy's - Entertainers and Organizers, too!

by Rex and Pat Maddox

We met them at the Sarasota Games in early march. They were entertaining at the Ceilidh. John plays guitar and sings while Patti is one of those sopranos a person could listen to all day. They were fun to listen to and fun to watch as they performed many of the popular Scottish songs of yesterday and today.

Panama City Scottish Festival

We saw them again at Panama City on the following weekend where they had organized a Festival of Scottish activities. We convened for Clan Henderson and joined fifteen other Clans and Societies to make the event one of color and excitement. The Festival was small and held on the grounds of the Grace Presbyterian Church but was very well attended. Entertainers abounded and kept a continuous stream of music coming from the bandstand erected under the pine trees. There were vendors plying their trades with the usual good Scottish dishes to whet the appetite and tradesmen offering their wares for sale. Parking and entrance were free (the finest word in the Scottish language) and the event had been widely advertised, a fault existing with most Scottish Games and Festivals which always seem to be "for Scots only" and who cares about the others!

The majority of persons visiting the Henderson tent were from Canada as this part of the Gulf Coast is particularly pleasing to people from the colder climes and "snowbirds" abound. We had several couples sign our register and some even complained that they had not been aware of this activity and would certainly come prepared next year, with kilt. One local who visited with us and explained her Henderson heritage was Sue Gulkis, whose Grandmother had been a Henderson. During our conversation, Sue signed her membership application and became the latest Clan member. Her husband, Norm, an entrepreneur, was very interested in the

"Scottish thing" and seemed to want to participate in the activities so we asked them if they would become Convenors of the Clan Henderson tent for the Festival in '96. They both agreed immediately and were provided with a copy of the Convenor's Handbook which has been a part of our "kit" since we began traveling the "Games Circuit" for the Clan. That was copy #4 and the last so we'll have to produce some more in case others should be of a mind to become Convenors.



Tony Martin, Rex Maddox, Nancy Hoffman, Gwen Martin and George Henderson on parade at the 1st Annual Culloden Games.

"Tony" Martin Promoted to Regional Bodyguard Leader

by Rex and Pat Maddox

James A. Martin, known as Tony to his many friends and Henderson Cousins, was nominated by the Regional Commissioner for the Southeast Region, George C. Henderson, to replace Dan Henderson as the Region's Bodyguard Leader.

Dan had become the Vice President of Clan Henderson during the elections held at Grandfather Mountain last July and has found the workload of that position to be greater than anticipated. He had requested to be replaced as the Southeast Region Bodyguard Leader in order to apply more of his time to the Vice President's office and recommended "Tony" for the position.

A short ceremony was held at the Culloden, Georgia Games where Tony and his wife, Gwen, were convening the Clan Henderson tent. Tony was installed as Bodyguard Leader of the Southeast Region by Head of the Bodyguard, Rex Maddox who issued the red sash badge of office. Rex was attending the Games with his wife, Pat, the COSCA representative. George C.

Henderson, SE Commissioner, who was also attending the Games, witnessed the ceremony.

Dunedin Games

by Harry Keifer

The Dunedin Games took place 8 April 1995. There was some uncertainty early in the day as to the weather. Sun-rain-sun-rain, but ultimately the sun won and we had a beautiful, warm Florida day. There were quite a few clans and societies represented and we all had a good view of the athletic events in the center of the field.

The Clan Henderson tent had a fair showing with 1 new member and 1 renewal and 20 visitors. We had the companionship of a large Clan Donald tent next to us and were able to talk about mutual ancestors. Hopefully there will be a larger showing of Hendersons next year.

Matt placed 1st in the Piobaireachd and was second in the state, as his competition in the state is over. Now he starts his competition in the southeastern states. Matt's band (Rosie O'Grady's out of Orlando) finished Number One in Florida.

Indian Springs Scottish Festival 29-30 April 1995

by Gwen Martin

The last two days of April marked the 2nd Annual Scottish Festival at Indian Springs State Park, Indian Springs, GA. This park is the oldest in the US.

This year 13 clans were represented along with the Royal Scottish Country Dancers and the Middle Georgia Scottish Society. I would like to add that there is plenty of room for more tents, some of which could be in the shade.

Scottish meat pies were served at the kitchen in the hotel along with traditional American fare. There was one vendor present, Dunedin Scottish from Florida. Admission was \$4 for one day and \$6 for both days. I am not sure what a sponsor's fee was, however, the proceeds go toward the restoration of the Indian Springs Hotel.

Indian Springs Hotel (also called the McIntosh House) was built in 1823 as a tavern and inn by Chief William McIntosh and Joel Bailly. In 1825, a two-story addition was built, which included the Treaty Room.

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Stone Mountain Georgia

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Gathering the Clan

Attend Clan Henderson
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Indian Springs from page 13.

The hotel is unique and therefore extremely significant to the history of Georgia. It is the only known antebellum mineral springs hotel still standing in Georgia and its history yields much data on the culture, society and architecture of Georgia throughout the 19th century.

The Treaty of 1825 which ceded all remaining Creek Indian lands to the State of Georgia was signed in this hotel by Chief McIntosh which cost him his life three months later.

The dashing and courageous William McIntosh remains the enigmatic figure to this day. Half Creek Indian and half Scottish, his father being Captain John Mor McIntosh and his mother a full-blooded Creek.

William's military rank was earned by fighting with American forces in the War of 1812, in which he distinguished himself at the Battle of Autossee, the Battle of Horse Shoe, and in the Florida Campaign. McIntosh served under Andrew Jackson and was made a Brigadier General. As a soldier he served his country well.

The Savannah Highland Games

by Harry Keifer

The Savannah Highland Games took place May 13th at Old Fort Jackson right on the Savannah River. These are small games but very well attended with close to 40 Clans and Societies participating. Our Henderson tent was situated on the River side of the game field, benefitting from some breeze (it was well into the 90's) and also right in front of one of the public address speakers so we could hear every thing that was said. We had approximately 25 Clan members visit the tent and about half marched in the parade of tartans. No

new members signed up but several did take applications with them.

Matt Keifer took another 1st in piobaireachd and 2nd in march.

Afterwards a large band (what does one call a group of Hendersons?) got together and enjoyed a wonderful dinner at a Greek restaurant on the Riverwalk and were treated to a free concert by the Savannah symphony as a part of the city's art and music festival.

Savannah is such a great place to hold Games as there is so much to see in addition to the games and we've always enjoyed ourselves when we've gone. Consider it for next year.

South West Region

News from the South West

by Robert Henderson

New appointments in the South West Region are announced by Commissioner Robert H. Henderson.

John Berquist has been appointed Regional Piper.

Piper Donald C. Henderson will represent the Clan in the Phoenix, Arizona area.

AGM '96

by Danny Henderson

The Rocky Mountains' Greatest Scottish Irish Festival will welcome Clan Henderson to Estes Park, Colorado on the second weekend of September 1996.

Estes Park has been chosen as the site for the 1996 Annual General Meeting and election of officers.

Regional Commissioner Bob Henderson, (970) 663-3773, has taken the initiative to begin looking in to lodging. He reports that rooms are taken as much as a year ahead and suggests that plans be made now to attend. He offers his town of Loveland as a better site to find a motel.

We are hoping to include a large contingent from the South West, and North and South Pacific Regions for this first Clan Henderson AGM in the west.

Mid East Region

Fredericksburg, Virginia Scottish Highland Games

by Jeff Henderson II

Friday afternoon and Saturday, 12 - 13 1995 found our Clan members at the first annual Fredericksburg International Scottish Highland Games. The weather was perfect, and the location superb. For a first time event at this location, it was well organized. Excellent publicity produced a huge crowd. The games opened at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and stayed open until 10:00 p.m. The visitors continued to stream in until about 9:00 p.m.

Those Clan members who came were Russ, Jeff, Rex and Pat Maddox and Christi Heston with her husband Bob. (Bob is a member of Clan Graham as well, but he is a big help to us, and gives Christi a lot of support.) Also, James Henderson and his wife Sandra and kids Christopher and Elizabeth came by, and spent some time with us.

The site of the Games was the old Maury Stadium in area downtown area which provided a good starting ground for the parade through town a little after 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Both the folks who turned out to watch and those who were aroused by the pipe band, saw a Bonnie group of Scots following the horse mounted color guard — we had to be wide awake walking behind the horses. Our group was obviously the largest one and we added a MacDonald couple since their clan wasn't present.

Four new members joined our Society during in weekend. All four were very interested in active participation, so we look forward to seeing them frequently. They are: Rosemary Henderson Herman from Fredericksburg, Virginia; David Mark Henderson and his wife Caroline from Fredericksburg (he is originally from King George, Virginia where he says there are 150 Hendersons, and he is a cousin of James Henderson); William Bruce Cowan and his wife Marjorie, from Chapel Hill,

North Carolina and Mary Frances Shea from Dahlgren, Virginia.

Mary Frances is a Dental Assistant, Mark manages two restaurants in Fredericksburg, Rosemary is a retired Associate Professor emerita of Foreign Languages (Spanish and Portuguese) at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg and Bill is retired. We welcome all of them to the Clan.

Saturday afternoon, we followed two pipers from the Alexandria Pipe Band for our walkabout. It was nice to have many of our new members taking the walk with us, and we looked great!

The 1996 Fredericksburg games will be held 7-8 June. In case you wondered what Carl Braun has been doing since his skiing accident, the Braun family produced the games, and they plan to have the 1997 World Championship Games in Fredericksburg. Good luck to them.

Great Lakes Region

Feast of the Hunter's Moon

Want to do something really different while showing the tartan? How about slipping into your kilt and ghillie brogues and heading out to Lafayette, Indiana.

Just four miles southwest of town is the Fort Quiatenon Historic Park which will become the site of the Feast of the Hunter's Moon on 7-8 October 1995.

While billed as a re-creation of an 18th Century Gathering of French and Native Americans, this large encampment includes Native Americans, French and English soldiery, mountain men and trappers. In our visit there, I was impressed by the variety of ages — babies, teenagers, adults and grandparents — all in the appropriate clothing and condition for their particular re-enacted lifestyle. When I say large, I'd guess that the participants number in the thousands.

While not a typical event at which we gather the Clan, you would not be out of place and would enjoy the change of pace.

Things Scottish Quiz

1. Captain Scott's ship "The Discovery" built in 1901 and the frigate "Unicorn" built in 1825 are berthed at the harbor of what city?
a. Kilsyth b. Glasgow c. Dundee d. Crieff
2. When a person dies in Scotland to whom is the first claim paid by the barrister who administers the estate?
3. What city the self-named capital of the Highlands?
4. Rob Roy was the Scottish "Robin Hood." The area he operated in was known as Rob Roy country, where is it located?
5. It's a form of musical comedy. Usually it is a free version of a nursery rhyme or fairy tale in which the principal boy is a girl and the Dame — comedy butt — is a man. What is it called?
6. Scots law differs from the English in several ways. The most outstanding one perhaps might be "Aye ye might not be guilty, but don't do it again!" What is it called?
7. Two Scots signed the Declaration of Independence. Who were they?
8. What two things did James Dewar invent?
9. When a mixture of whisky, cream, heather honey, and a little oatmeal are blended together, it becomes a delightful drink known as?

Answers on page 19.

Coming Events from page 22.

- 23*** Williamsburg Scottish Festival
Williamsburg, VA
*Craig Doolittle(804)599-6242
- 29*** Celtic Classic
1 Oct Bethlehem, PA
- 30** Scottish Expo
Frederick, MD
*Steve Henderson (301)350-6511
- 30** Nashville Highland Games
-Oct 1 Nashville, TN
*Toby Parrish
- October (an Damfear)**
- 6-8*** Flora MacDonald Highland Games
Red Springs, NC
*David Henderson (919)637-5266
- 7*** St Andrew's Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival
Goshen, CT
- 7-8*** Biloxi Highland Games
Biloxi, MS
*Tom Henderson(205)649-8072
- 7-8*** Yuba/Sutter Scottish Highland Games
Yuba City, CA
*Larry Mae Phillips (707)528-9892
- 8*** Scotland Highland Festival
Waldo Homestead, Scotland CT

- 9** Thanksgiving (Can)
- 14*** Glendale Celtic Gathering
Verduga Park, Glendale, CA
*Ken Henderson(909)924-6973
- 14-15** Anne Arundel Scottish Festival
* Annapolis, MD
*Lee Henderson(410)647-3160
- 14-15** Loch Prado Games
* Prado Regional Park, Chino CA
*Ken Henderson(909)924-6973
- 20-22** Festival of Britain
Toronto, Ontario
- 21-22** Stone Mountain Scottish Festival & Highland Games
* Atlanta, GA
Henderson Dinner/Ceilidh
*George Henderson(803)359-1568
- 27-29** Richmond Highland Games
* Richmond, VA
- 28*** Tucson Celtic Festival
Tucson, AZ
*Sean Hendricks
- 28*** Waxhaw Highland Games
Waxhaw, NC
*George Henderson,(803)359-1568
- 31** Halloween (Samhuinn eve)

The Piper

Kyle Henderson



The St. Patrick's Day Piper's Panties

by David C. Daye ©1993

This is a true story in which I was a participant.

A Midwest Town had only a few bagpipers to lead its St. Patrick's Day parade, so a number of Scots from a Neighboring Town used to come to beef up our numbers. The parade would end at Big Hotel, which was brimming with Irishmen tending the formidable thirst built up by their long march. We pipers were extremely popular in every suite, supplying music in exchange for free refreshments, which the Scots considered to be a Good Thing.

Now the Scots and Irish are closely related peoples, sharing music, language and dance, but generally divided on religion, with the Irish mostly Catholic and the Scots mostly Protestant.

This can be a Bad Thing, but in Midwest Town St. Patrick's Day was a Catholic day so the Protestants were welcomed in the spirit of the occasion. The whole subject generated no more trouble than some good-natured humor.

Now as the partying intensified it was not unusual for revelers to engage in a little kilt checking — you know, to learn The Secret. So, early in the morning, Neighboring Town's Piper Jock decided to play a wee prank on the Irish. Before strapping on his kilt, Piper Jock donned his wife's bright orange bikini underpants. No gale can lift a heavy piper's kilt, so he was safe for the parade, but Piper Jock was going to have the last laugh on some tipsy Irish revelers at Big Hotel.

Well, the parade left St. Patrick's Church in heavy snow squalls and 25 knot headwinds. Piper Jock was ever so smug about the extra warmth he'd packed under his kilt, as the band struggled against the storm.



But Piper Jock had overestimated the power of his wife's elastic to resist the severe downward taper of his beer belly. It was Drummer

Paddy who first noticed Piper Jock twitching as the band approached Main Street. Drum-Major Mickey raised his mace for "The Minstrel Boy" as the band swung onto the avenue, and Piper Jock no longer had a hand free to prevent the inevitable.

Now, we pipers are accustomed to being "sensations" when we go out in our kilts, whether green or tartan, but we were stunned by laughter from the dense crowd of Heathens we were passing. D/M Mickey spun around and marched backwards, to boost our morale in the face of the Heathens. Instead, he joined in a guffaw that erupted among the drummers in back.

We all turned to look as we marched.

Ten seconds can be an eternity. Piper Jock stumbled twice, like a hogtied bull. Just as it seemed certain that he'd been struck by a bullet or a stroke, out from under his kilt slid the flaming orange panties.

Jock lurched, his pipes tangling harmlessly in my own. Five hundred people cheered as Jock somersaulted down the avenue, revealing The Secret to the world, desperately struggling to free himself from the boldest, brightest "idiot" sign on earth.

Mickey played us continuously into the lobby of Big Hotel. Jock got a lot of extra attention from the ladies that day, for his fresh war wounds. But he has forever after been greeted among pipers with his personal, inescapable anthem, "The Wearin' o' the Green."

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Bagpipe Types

from Bagpipe-Digest

What are some of the types of bagpipe?

The most common types of bagpipe are those native to the British Isles and Ireland. These include the Great Highland Bagpipe, Uilleann pipe, Northumbrian pipe, and wide variety of small pipes.

What is a Great Highland Bagpipe?

The Great Highland Bagpipe (GHB) is native to Scotland and is the pipe most people think of when bagpipes are mentioned. Main pipe components include a bag, a blowstick, a number of single-reed drone pipes, and a double-reed chanter.

The GHB is usually played in a standing position with the bag held between the piper's arm and side, and the drones pointed upward and resting against the shoulder.

The bag provides a constant supply of air to the pipes, and is inflated by blowing into it through the blowstick. The piper produces sound by inflating the bag and applying pressure to the bag with the arm. The air escapes through the drones and chanter, via reeds placed within each pipe.

The drones produce a constant tone in accompaniment to the chanter. The GHB usually has three drones: two tenor drones tuned an octave below the chanter's low A, and a longer bass drone tuned one octave below the tenor drones. The chanter usually has eight finger holes, two tone holes, and a range of nine notes from low G to high A.

What is an Uilleann Pipe?

The Uilleann pipe (UP) is a type of bagpipe native to Ireland. The UP is mechanically somewhat complex, and is normally meant to be played while seated.

It has a range of up to 2 octaves, and is usually pitched in the key of D. The piper inflates the bag by operating a bellows with one arm, and maintains pressure on the bag with the other arm. Main UP components include a bag, a bellows, a double-reed chanter, zero or more single-reed drones, and zero or more single-reed regulators.

The pipe music in the movies "Rob Roy" and "Braveheart" came from the Uilleann pipe.

There are several breeds of Irish bagpipe. The Brian Boru pipe looks very much like the GHB, but with a keyed chanter rather than one with holes and with an alto drone, I believe, in the middle rather than two tenors.

Another type of Irish pipe uses the GHB chanter, but only a bass and tenor drone.



Youth Activities

by Deanna Weymuth

Hello, my name is Deanna Weymuth and I have recently been appointed the Commissioner of Youth Activities. My chief qualifications are three daughters involved with Scottish activities and a strong interest in our youth. My youngest daughter Sharon dances and the older two help her and other dancers. We all enjoy attending Scottish events and meeting Hendersons.

Studying our Heritage

As descendants of Scots we are rightly proud of our cultural heritage and need to pass it on to the next generation. Often it is possible to connect what some see as a hobby with our daily lives. When there is the necessity for writing a term paper, suggest a portion of Scotland's history. How, when, and why Scots came to America, makes a good term paper.

We need to involve our youth in tracing their ancestors. It becomes even more personal when the term paper relates to why your Scottish ancestors made the trip to the New World. When you find Great Grandfather in the census it becomes not just a story but a living link with history. It requires time to learn with someone how to research. When two explore together, there is always someone there to celebrate when a discovery is made.

Youth in Action

Dancers I know from Clan Henderson are Kim Miles, Maryland; Heather West,

Ontario; Claire Henderson, Queensland; Sarah Heath, Arkansas; and Sharon Weymuth, Missouri. Kim competed in the Southern Maryland Games this spring. Sharon and Sarah wore Henderson kilts for competition in Batesville in April. Congratulations Sarah on winning the trophy and advancing to Novice. Sarah, Sharon and Kim are close to the same age.

If you have, or are, a performer (dancer, piper, drummer etc.) or athlete under, shall we say 25-30 years old, please keep me informed of competitions and performances. I will recognize our youth in this column and would appreciate pictures of our youth in action.



Kim Miles in competition at Southern Maryland

Pen Pals

I would like to suggest a form of pen pal correspondence for our youth. One suggestion might be for one person to begin a letter and send it to someone else, including their address. The next person would add their letter and address and mail both letters to someone else. When your letter returns to you, remove it and add another. When youth meet at games they can exchange addresses and correspond. Or if you are interested in writing, I can be a clearing house for requesting addresses.

Tartan Exchange

It has been suggested there is a need for a method of passing on kilts, dancers dresses, shirts, jackets, and vests. We recognized Sarah because she was in Henderson tartan in Batesville. It was impressive to see two dancers in Henderson tartan. As our Clan youth grow it would be nice to be able to hand down outgrown clothing or have a source for another garment.

Keeping in Touch

I can be reached at
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Kansas City, MO 64151,
telephone (816) 741-6776.

The easiest way to get information to me or receive a response is by E-mail at dew@tyrell.net.

Please keep me informed what our youth are doing. Remember youth is defined as between birth and 25-30 years.

The last two are rarely seen anymore. (I believe there is one remaining manufacturer of the Brian Boru pipes.) The remaining Irish regiments in the British army all now play the GHB, as do all Irish army pipe bands. All pipe bands in the Republic that compete on the regular circuit also use the GHB.

What are Northumbrian pipes?

The Northumbrian pipe is a small, bellows-blown pipe featuring a cylindrical-bored closed chanter. This differs from Highland and Uilleann pipes, which have conically-bored open chanters. The Northumbrian pipe takes its name from the

county of Northumberland in the north of England, and is native to that area and the borders. The Northumbrian pipe chanter usually has keys to provide semi-tones and to extend the range of the chanter. The most common has 7 keys with a range of about an octave and a half, although up to 18 keys may be found on some instruments. The traditional pitch is about one third of a semi-tone sharp of F although many pipes can be found in concert F, concert G and also some in concert D.

What are "cauld wind" pipes?

The term "Cauld Wind Pipes" is generally used to refer to bellows-blown pipes native

to Scotland. These include the Scottish smallpipe, Pastoral pipe, and Border pipe. **Is that it?**

Hardly. We discussed some of the more common pipes in the British isles and Ireland, but many other countries have strong piping traditions, especially in western and central Europe. There are Galician pipes and Breton pipes. There is a Macedonian Gaida (Gajda). One can go to Italy and find a Zampogna, then travel north to Germany where the Doedelzak is played, then west to France where one might find a Cornemuse.



Recently, at the Loch Norman Highland Games in Charlotte, George Henderson, Mac Henderson III and I talked of getting together with other Hendersons outside of normally scheduled Scottish Games and Gatherings. I can't remember how we got started on this particular conversation, but it ended with all of us agreeing that we would commit to seeing each other some Saturday or Sunday and that we would meet George halfway between Charlotte and his home in Lexington, South Carolina.

Also at those Games, I had a conversation with Guy Henderson who is from Charlotte as well. He spoke of his recent acquisition of some 17 acres of land in his neighborhood which was formerly a part of a swim and racquet club. Eventually, Guy will build a new home on this property, but what was exciting was Guy's interest and intention to hold a Henderson Gathering on this property once he gets it into shape.

Guy and Mac come from a line of Hendersons who have been in this area since the founding of Charlotte. There are probably well over 100 Hendersons and possibly more of this line who could possibly turn up for a Gathering on Guy Henderson's land for food, fun, and fellowship. Can you imagine such a Gathering?!!

These were just two conversations I had with other Hendersons about getting Hendersons together, one on a small scale and one possibly on a very large scale. And what was most interesting about this was that it was not centered around a formally arranged Scottish event, but around a Scottish Family event. Just Hendersons talking, sharing ideas and thoughts about a lot of subjects, some of which centered around getting together as family.

Does any of this sound familiar? When Russ Henderson took over as President this year, he shared his vision and future perspective on the Clan and how it will take us into the next few years. One of the areas that Russ spoke on was the institution of the Family Plan — Gatherings of Hendersons in your area outside of formally scheduled Scottish events. As you remember, Russ purposefully did not set the guidelines for what constituted a Family Plan gathering.

Why? Because it is left up to us in the membership to define, shape and formulate what works best for individual families, areas and interests. As an example, we might meet George at a State Park, a restaurant or a rest stop along the interstate. It really doesn't matter. What's important is that we are getting together for fellowship with our kin.

The emphasis here is on using your creative ideas along with the shared interests of other Hendersons to define and shape the Family Plan for your area. What's required? Your interest and participation is what is needed.

And lastly, as regards the Family Plan, we want to hear about your Gatherings. Drop Russ or me a note about your event to let us know how it went.

Most Commissioners are serving in multiple roles, serving as Convenor for numerous events, as well as their regular duties as Commissioner. In the Cameo article on page 2, you will notice that the Mid East Region has quite a few folks in leadership roles, but even they need Bodyguards and Genealogists.

Russ and I view the basic building block of our family is at the local level — pro-

bably in the general vicinity of a Scottish Games or Festival. The Convenor needs a Bodyguard for ceremonies, a Genealogist to help gather Clan information, but also to help others find their clans (COSCA function), a Chaplain, and the many families in the area to have fun and fellowship throughout the year. These are some leadership positions but many others could come from the person who coordinates a ceilidh or pipes or dances or ..., well you see the many opportunities.

Oh yes, when this group has a function, the Regional Commissioner should be the honored guest. Our current Commissioners have certainly earned the right to enjoy a Gathering without having to be the first one there and the last one to make the long drive home. There is an old joke which has the punch line, "Many hands make light work!" It is a true thought and we need your help to make light work of keeping our Clan a living family.

We appreciate all those folks who are currently volunteering their time and talent.

To offer to help, please let your Commissioner or Russ or me know (Addresses and phone numbers are on page 23).

The White House will recognize your reunion with a special certificate.

Please let me know of your upcoming Gathering. Like any such request, please give us as much time as possible but at least three months. We need to know all pertinent information about the event including family history, matriarch or patriarch, potential size, location and significance and contact's name and phone number.

Attention Canadians!

We are a Clan, but we become a family when we get to know each other -- Cairns and I provide a presence at the Games to provide a place for the Clan to gather. Cousin John has worked all year to put on the Games at Barrie so that you will have a place to meet with other Hendersons. Please join us for the games listed in Coming Events on page 23 & 15.



Clan Leadership will be with us at Fergus Games so we hope many of you will come out to meet them. Our Chieftain Claude, President Russ, and Head of the Body Guard Rex Maddox and their families will be visiting Fergus for the weekend. The plan is to attend the many events but to also have some quiet time to just visit. Wouldn't it be great if we could take over a whole restaurant for dinner Saturday night?



Canadians in the West, please attend the Games in your area. Let us know what happens there. We need some activity out there.

John W. Henderson, Commissioner

Answers to Quiz on page 15.

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| 1. "c". | 5. Pantomime |
| 2. The Undertaker. | 6. Not proven. |
| 3. Inverness | 7. James Wilson & John Witherspoon |
| 4. The Trossachs | 8. Vacuum flask & cordite. |
| | 9. Atholl brose. |

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We think it is important to welcome every new member when they join. We regret that this edition had to be prepared before the list of new members was received.

It would have been easy to welcome a double group in October, except that Dexter and Jerry Maddox joined last October and have yet to be welcomed. Head of the Bodyguard Rex Maddox questioned me about why his brother and sister-in-law were not welcomed when January and April passed without recognition.

Dexter and Jerry, a special *Ceud Mile Faile*.

Rainbow Castle Painting

by Jeff Henderson II

Beth Gay, our talented member from Moultrie, Georgia, has painted a beautiful oil picture of Scotland. She has donated the painting to the Clan Henderson Society to help raise money by raffling the painting for \$1.00 per chance. (Beth is the Editor of "The Family Tree," the genealogical newspaper published by the Ellen Payne Odom Library in Moultrie, Georgia.)

Beth told me that the picture is not of any particular castle, but her impression of many castle ruins, and locale is the Isle of Skye. The wonderful part of the painting is the very subtle rainbow, which is in front of the castle.

If you would like a chance or chances to win the painting, and raffle tickets are not available, give your regional commissioner \$1.00 per chance with your name, address and telephone number written on a slip of paper for each chance you purchase. The drawing will be held at our annual general meeting at Stone Mountain, Georgia in October. Your regional commissioner should send the raffle slips to Vice-President Danny Henderson.

We had originally planned on showing the painting across the Clan this summer, but there is no way for it to get to all regions and it is the kind of painting you would like to have and would love to win! So let's all help the Clan by taking a chance on this beautiful painting -- get your dollars and tickets or slips of paper turned in.

The Dancer's Saga K. C. Regionals

by Deanna Weymuth

Well, regionals are over! I don't know how we will keep ourselves occupied now that the first competition of the year is over.

Southwest regional dance competition was held in Kansas City, Missouri.

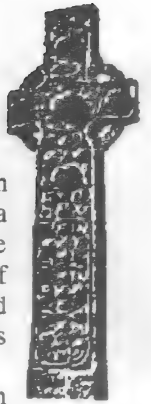
Pre-Premier dancers competed in the morning. Sharon Weymuth competed in her new Henderson Kilt (The hem was finished at 7:30 this morning). She came in second in swords.

Katherin Weymuth helped get it all together in the morning and Allie (Dee Dee), as co-treasurer of the Kansas City Highland Dancers Association, wrote checks for dancers going to National Competition in the afternoon.

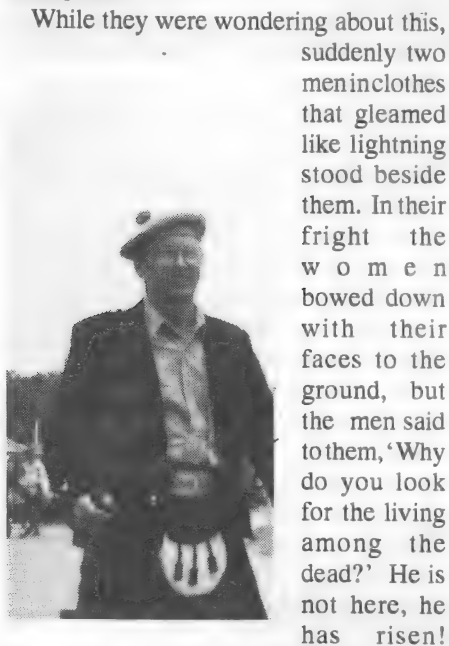
Batesville is next on our list. I dread the drive, but, bless their hearts, they give each dancer \$30.00 to help with transportation. We have made our hotel reservations.

Chaplain's Chair

by Douglas Henderson



LUKE 24:1-8 *"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."*



While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?' He is not here, he has risen!

As I write this we have just celebrated Easter. Easter is the high point of the Christian year, for we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

The resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. If Jesus Christ had not risen from death there would be no Christian Church. But, in fact, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and this is the best attested to fact in human history.

Each of the Gospel writers tells the story of that first Easter morning, and each one gives a somewhat different version. The well-known Scottish scholar William Barclay has pointed out that "no two people ever describe the same event in the exact same terms; nothing so wonderful as the Resurrection ever escaped the embroidery as it was repeatedly told and recounted. But at the heart of the story that one all-important fact of the empty tomb remains."*

Jesus Christ is alive, He is risen!

On Easter Sunday of 1995, the Christian Churches were filled with worshipers who came to proclaim to the world that Jesus Christ has been resurrected; what a wonderful and glorious testimony.

But, I wonder about the Sunday after Easter, and the Sunday after that. Do we just celebrate on Easter Sunday and that's that?

Actually, every worship on every Sunday should be a celebration of the Resurrection. And each of us should take comfort and hope that Christ makes eternal life available to us.

But our Christian faith must be much more than just being a worshiper in Church on Sunday morning! The Christian faith must be lived in all areas of our daily life. Jesus Christ met people where they were and as they were; they did not have to be good or somehow qualify by being sinless. He listened to their needs and granted them healing and wholeness; He said to them, "go and sin no more." No one meets Christ and remains the same! So the Christ is not to be found in the tomb, for He has risen; He is not to be found on the cross, for He finished the work of the cross and paid the debt of our sins in full. He is to be found in the hearts and lives of believers. You may be the one through whom someone sees Christ. "Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. That is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us." 1 John 3:24.

May Christ dwell in you richly with all Spiritual blessings.

Amen

*From Luke, by William Barclay, in the Daily Study Bible (The Westminster Press, 1953), page 305.

Happenings in the U.K.

Major James Henderson-Laird has written several interesting notes to share. First and foremost is that his wife June is well on the mend, and we are thankful for that. Her doctor at the cancer clinic is on a five year exchange program and calls the Washington, DC area home.

Jim reports that now that he has moved, he finds Scotland is far more expensive than England due, in the main, to horrendous local taxes and food/fuel taxes based upon the long distance distribution.

He also reports that the Society there is coming along and they have had their first meeting in Edinburgh and will have had one at Blair Castle by the time you read this article.

Commissioner James Henderson-Laird reverts to his honorary position.

The newly-elected leadership is as follows:

Chairman:	Colonel Rae Steuart Henderson
Secretary:	June Henderson-Laird
Treasurer:	Joe Henderson
Youth Officer:	Marilyn MacLaughlin
Committee:	Margaret Henderson Jacqueline Yvonne Henderson Miss J.L. Henderson James Henderson

The Harper

by Virginia Broussard



Songs of the Wool

Was Marjory Kennedy-Fraser, a music teacher and lecturer, as taken with the "waulking songs" she heard on Barra, Eris-ky, and Skye in 1905 as I was when I first heard one at Stone Mountain last year? Probably, since she avidly collected them. Like most collectors, she modified the original melodies and lyrics to appeal to the modern ear. However, she also recorded them on wax cylinders of an early recording device. These waulking songs were far more important than the airs she presented for popular consumption. Later researchers were attracted to these work songs because the lyrics and tunes reflected social history and everyday life. Waulking songs originally accompanied one step in the staple craft of the Hebrides, the weaving and finishing of cloth. Like the steady rhythm of a sea shanty, these tunes reflected the meters of a monotonous but necessary task.

"Waulking" is a primitive method of fulling woolen cloth. (Fulling woolen fibers relaxes them so that they interlock as the fabric shrinks, producing a softer, warmer cloth after a kneading process is completed.) The process of fulling in the Highlands entailed women seated on either side of a long ridged board on which woven cloth was stretched. To remove natural greases and lanolin, which would otherwise permit the fibers to slip smoothly past each other, hot urine moistened the fabric. Then the kneading proceeded, first with the hands and later with the feet, each sitter's legs outstretched in front of her as she "walked" the cloth with her heels. At the end of the process, the fabric had shrunk to yield a thicker, softer cloth. One has to wonder how much women would have given for our modern hand lotions to soften their skin after a day of this alkali treatment!

The singer-harper of the waulking song mentioned — with a wrinkle of the nose — that the peculiar odor she associated with Harris tweed was more appealing before she was quite so familiar with the details of its traditional manufacture. I haven't been able to verify that the methods of today are quite that traditional, but the luxury market does continue to support a cottage industry

of Harris tweed still woven on hand looms in the homes of weavers. In addition, an industrial estate just outside Stornoway on Lewis produces goods on a larger scale. The trademark patterns once so jealously guarded by custom are now protected by law.

The production of tweed was preserved in the Western Isles by the efforts of the British government in the late nineteenth century; officials were seeking a way to improve the living conditions of crofters, especially those of Harris and Lewis. (Oddly enough, Harris patterns are quite distinct from those of Lewis, although the two are regions of the same island, separated only by a hilly ridge.) As a result of Highland Clearances, first for sheep-runs and later for deer forests, many crofters could no longer make a living in agriculture. Earlier attempts to develop oil and, later, aluminum production on Lewis had ended in failure.

Production of a traditional product met with greater success. With the aid of the government, the Highland methods of wool preparation by washing and dyeing outdoors, followed by carding, spinning, and weaving by the women were modified to improve both design and method. Weaving became economically feasible as a full-time occupation for men. By the early twentieth century, a Harris Tweed Association had been established to standardize the quality and to guarantee the cloth.

If the making of tweed has retreated to the Hebrides, memories abound of textile production in Scotland. Even early residents of burghs wove a finer woolen cloth than the coarse gray hoddie and plaids of the rural folk. The Tweed River Valley in southeastern Scotland was the home of sheep rearing by French and Flemish monks as early as the twelfth century. The Cheviot, not the Highland, sheep provided the wool shipped from the area as early as the fifteenth century. Native cloth received the name tweed in 1829 when a London printer's clerk misread a blotted word — tweels — on a consignment note; tweels was the Scottish word for cloth. Repeat

orders for the superior goods encouraged merchants on the Tweed River to capitalize on the error.

The textile mills are much quieter in the Borders now, although they are far from silent. The Scottish Museum of Woolen Textiles at Walkerburn recounts their tales, and nearby Jedburgh continues to remind visitors that the combining of two colors of yarns to produce the typical tweed yarn first happened there. Well over three hundred species of plants not native to Scotland grace the banks of Gala Water, a tributary of the Tweed; its waters washed the wools imported for the mills from Australia and South America in the heyday of their operation. Like the dirt and insects in the raw fleece, the seeds were flushed into the stream by the Galashiel mills as a coarse cloth, Galloway Gray, was produced.

Such songs as "The Shearin's No For You" and "The Wark of the Weavers" embody the importance of woolen cloth to the Highlands, as do references to plaids and tartans in others. But the next harp tune I came across was composed by Allison Kinnaird (a contemporary researcher of the traditional Scottish harp style) for the film series *Held in Trust*. (If my piper friend's claim that "Dark Isle" was born of similar origins, the broadcasting genre has indeed encouraged the creation of traditional folk music in Scotland.) When I first played "The Kilbarchan Weaver," I could hear the rhythm of the shuttle as it flew back and forth across the loom.

Why "The Kilbarchan Weaver?" A little chance reading solved the mystery for me. You'll find the answer in my next column.

In the meantime, I'm chasing after a copy of that waulking song, though I may have to settle for an audio tape. That particular harper is so steeped in the folk tradition that the melody may be recorded only in her ear — and not on paper at all. And perhaps a vocalist or fiddler at a Henderson ceilidh will "carry the tune" for a song commemorating the steps of traditional cloth-making in Scotland.

(Ed. note: This information is the best we have at deadline. Please contact your Regional Commissioner.)

July (an t-uchair)

- 1 **Canada Day**
- 1* **Cobourg Highland Games**
Donegan Park, Cobourg, Ontario
- 1* **Collingwood Scottish Festival**
Collingwood, ONT, Canada
- 1* **Metropolitan Festival & Games**
Halifax, NS Canada
*Caims Henderson (902)429-1114
- 1* **Round Hill Highland Games**
Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT
- 1* **Gathering of the Clans**
Pugwash, NS, Canada
- 1* **Selkirk Highland Gathering**
Selkirk, MB Canada
- 1* **Zorra Caledonia Highland Games**
Embrow, ONT, Canada
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 6-9* **Grandfather Mountain Highland**
Linville, NC
- 8 **Tanist's Birthday**
Alistair D Henderson, Younger of Fordell
- 8* **Ft. Ticonderoga**
Ticonderoga, NY
- 8* **Payson Scottish Festival**
City Park, Payson UT
- 8* **Tartan Sertoma Chatham-Kent Games**
Chatham, ONT, Canada
- 8-9* **Antigonish Highland Games**
Columbus Field, Antigonish, Nova Scotia
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- 8-9* **Caledonian Games**
City Park, Athena, OR
- 8-9* **Dunsmuir Scottish Faire**
Oakland, CA
*Larry Mae Phillips (707)528-9892
- 8-9* **Glendale Ceilidh Days**
Glemdale, NS, Canada
- 15* **Cambridge Highland Games**
Churchill Park, Cambridge, Ontario
- 15* **Celtic Heritage Fair**
City Hall, Warren, OH
- 15* **Orillia Scottish Festival**
Couchiching Park, Orillia, Ontario
*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 15* **Pikes Peak Highland Games**
White House Ranch, Colorado Springs, CO
*Joseph McEldowney (303)690-2586
- 15* **Portland Scottish Festival**
Mt Hood Community College, Gresham, OR
*Janice Henderson (503)255-3797
- 15* **Southern Vermont Highland Games**
Wilmington, VT
- 22* **Barrie Highland Games**
Barrie, Ontario
*John D. Henderson (705)728-5755
- 22* **Calgary Highland Games**
Calgary, Alb, Canada
- 22* **Ft. Edmonton Highland Games**
Edmonton, Alb, Canada

- 22* **Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival**
Blandford, MA
- 22* **Indiana Highland Games**
Zollner Stadium, Fort Wayne, IN
- 22* **Pictou Festival**
New Glasgow, NS, Canada
- 22-23 **Mammoth Mountain Games**
* Mammoth Lakes, CA
- 22-23 **New Brunswick Highland Games**
* Fredericton, NB Canada
- 22-23 **Virginia Scottish Games**
* Alexandria, VA
*Lee Henderson (410)647-3160
- 29* **Indianapolis Scottish Festival**
Indianapolis, IN
- 29* **Montana Highland Gathering**
Miles City, MT
- 29-30 **Pacific Northwest Highland Games**
* Enumclaw, WA
*Tom Henderson (206)843-1269

August (an Luanasdal)

- 5* **Glengarry Highland Games**
Maxville, Ontario
*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 5* **St Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games**
Ford House Grosse Point Shores, MI
- 5* **Tam O'Shanter Highland Games**
Easton, MA
- 5-6* **Monterey Highland Games**
Monterey, CA
Larry Mae Phillips (707)528-9892
- 10-13 **Fergus Highland Games**
* Victoria Park, Fergus, Ontario
*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 12* **Central New York Scottish Festival**
Liverpool, NY
- 12* **High Desert Gathering of the Clans**
Redmond, OR
- 12-13 **Colorado Scottish Festival**
* Highlands Ranch, CO
*Joseph McEldowney (303)690-2586
- 12-13 **Columbus Scottish Festival**
* Columbus, IN
*Carol Maley (317)449-8260
- 12-13 **Hector Festival**
* Hector, NS, Canada
*Caims Henderson (902)429-1114
- 12-13 **Trenton Gathering**
* Trenton, NS, Canada
- 19* **Campbell Highland Festival & Games**
Campbell, CA
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- 19* **Maine Highland Games**
Brunswick, ME
- 19* **Sarnia Highland Games**
Centennial Park, Sarnia, Ontario
- 25-27 **Jackson Highland Games**
* Jackson, MS
*Mark Henderson (601)289-1534
- 26* **Amherst Museum Scottish Festival**
Amherst, NY
*Harold Henderson, (716)892-1627
- 26* **Celtic Highland Games**
Myrtle Creek, OR

Coming Events

- 26* **Kalamazoo Scottish Festival**
Kalamazoo, MI
- 26* **Long Island Scottish Games**
Old Westbury, NY
- 26 **North Lanark Highland Games**
Fairgrounds, Almonte, Ontario
* John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 26* **Quechee Scottish Festival**
Polo Field, Quechee, VT

September (an t-Sultainn)

- 2* **Scot's Settlement Festival**
Highlandtown, OH
- 2-3* **Caledonian Club of SF Games**
Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA
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- 2-3 **Campbellford Scot & Medieval**
Campbellford, ONT Canada
*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 2-3* **Capital District Scottish Games**
Altamont, NY
- 2-3* **Scottish Clans Heritage Festival**
Bethel, MO
- 3* **Canmore Highland Games**
Canmore, AB, Canada
- 4 **Labor Day**
- 7-10 **Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival**
* Estes Park, CO
*Joseph McEldowney (303)690-2586
- 9* **Ligonier Highland Games**
Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA
*Robert T Henderson
- 9-10 **Celtic Festival**
Ft Henry, Kingston, ON
* John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 15-17 **New Hampshire Highland Games**
* Loon Mt Recreation Ctr, Lincoln, NH
- 16* **Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair**
Ft Ward Park, Alexandria, VA
*Jeff Henderson (703)690-1504
- 16* **Charleston Highland Games**
Boone Hall Plantation, Charleston, SC
- 16* **Fresno Highland Gathering & Games**
Coombs Ranch, Fresno, CA
*Larry Mae Phillips, (707)528-9892
- 16* **Oklahoma Scottish Games**
Chandler Park, Tulsa, OK
*David A Henderson (918)250-3575
- 16* **Plano Highland Games**
Plano, TX
- 16-17 **Murray Festival**
* Murray, KY
- 20-24 **Vail Celtic Festival**
* Vail, CO
- 23* **Alabama Scottish Games**
Blount Cultural Park, Montgomery, AL
*Warren Henderson (205)361-7497

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Reverie.

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My step shortens and days fall,
Like leaves from an autumn tree.
Though leaves renew with the birds song,
The days are forever lost to me.

And, as I doze on the couch,
Or listen to the rain,
Days disappear
But the yesterdays remain.

Unlike squirrels, who in Winter
Their fall-hidden nuts cannot find,
My yesterdays are indexed
In the cabinets of my mind.

So, here I sit among my folders
Thumbing through the pile.
This page evokes a tear,
That, a smile.

Incident on a Cold Morn

by Neil Henderson ©1995

Least noble of the feathered throng,
Stilled is your cheeky morning song,
There, on the snowy ground you lie,
Feet pointing at the cold, blue sky.

Sadly, I thought you were dead,
On the bay window you had broken your head,
Until I saw your tiny breast rise and fall
And I knew you were not dead at all!

I stooped and gently picked you up,
My hands forming a delicate cup.
Downy-soft, so close to me chest,
I blew upon you my warming breath.

You stirred. I set you down,
You chirped, shook your feathers brow,
Then, off on the wind in the bright morning air,
You left me alone with a feeling rare.

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